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FOR EB/TD FROM USDEL TORREMOLINOS

1. VARIOUS COUNTRIES ENDORSED NIGERIA'S SEPTEMBER 17 CALL FOR EXPULSION OF SOUTH AFRICA AND PORTUGAL FROM ITU. THESE WERE: MALI, SIERRA LEONE, DAHOMEY, UGANDA, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, GUINEA, TUNISIA AND, IN LEGTHIER AND IMPASSIONED SPEECH. ZAIRE, CUBA, GDR, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND YUGOSLAVIA EXPRESSED GENERAL SOLIDARITY WITH AFRICAN STATES IN "STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM."

2. ALBANIA ASSERTED ITU SHOULD ADOPT PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY BUT NOT TOLERATE COLONIALISM OR OPPRESSION. SOUTH AFRICA AND PORTUGAL SHOULD BE EXPELLED, AS SHOULD LON NOL "CLIQUE FOISTED UPON CAMBODIAN PEOPLE BY US IMPERIALISTS." ALBANIANS ALSO STATED THAT SOUTH KOREA CANNOT CLAIM TO REPRESENT ALL KOREA, AND NORTH KOREA SHOULD BE ADMITTED TO ITU. RVN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTS NO ONE BUT ITSELF, AND PRG IS LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

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3. KHMER DELEGATION MADE BRIEF, MODERATE REPLY. KHMER STATED IT ENDORSES UNIVERSALITY AND THEREFORE FOUND IT REGRETTABLE THAT A FEW COUNTRIES QUESTIONED RIGHT OF KHMER REPUBLIC, A UN MEMBER, TO ATTEND ITU. CAMBODIA'S SEAT COULD NOT BE GIVEN TO A GROUP OF EXILES. PRC, ALBANIAN AND ALGERIAN DELEGATIONS LEFT HALL DURING KHMER SPEECH.

4. RVN DELEGATION ALSO RESPONDED IN BRIEF, MODERATE FASHION. IT REGRETTED COMMENTS OF A FEW DELEGATIONS ON ITS LEGITIMACY; THERE IS ONLY ONE LEGAL GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM, THE RVN; PRG IS EXTENDED ARM OF HANOI WITHOUT REPRESENTATIVE CHARACTER, POPULAR SUPPORT OR RESOURCES.

5. MALAWIAN DELEGATE MADE LONG AND FORCEFUL STATEMENT AGAINST EXPULSION OF SOUTH AFRICA AND PORTUGAL. MALAWIANS CONTENDED EXPULSION WOULD BE MISGUIDED AND SELF-DEFEATING, REINFORCING POLICIES THESE TWO GOVERNMENTS QUOTE WHICH CAUSE JUSTIFIABLE OUTRAGE END QUOTE. ACTIONS ALREADY TAKEN AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA AND PORTUGAL HAD NOT ALTERED THEIR POLICIES; THEIR ABSENCE FROM ITU WOULD HELP NO ONE. FIGHT AGAINST THEIR POLICIES MUST BE CONDUCTED IN PRACTICAL WAYS. MOREOVER POLITICAL ISSUES LIKE THESE SHOULD BE LEFT TO UN TO RESOLVE.

6. NETHERLANDS ALSO OPPOSED EXPULSION OF SOUTH AFRICA AND PORTUGAL, STATING THIS WOULD HAMPER WORLDWIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND LEAD TO DISMEMBERMENT OF ITU. NETHERLANDS CALLED ON ITU MEMBERS NOT TO TAKE ACTIONS OF POLITICAL NATURE, INSISTING THESE ARE PROVINCE OF UN. SOUTH AFRICA AND PORTUGAL FULL MEMBERS OF ITU AND SHOULD REMAIN SO. DENMARK EXPRESSED VIEW THAT CONFERENCE SHOULD DEAL ONLY WITH TELECOMMUNICATIONS MATTERS.

7. PLENARY DISCUSSED ABOVE ISSUES, LISTENED TO REMAINING OPENING SPEECHES AND DEBATED ELECTION ISSUE (PARA 3(A) OF REFTL) ALL DAY SEPTEMBER 18. PRIOR ADJOURNMENT LAST NIGHT, IT FINALLY AGREED THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMITTEE 7 WOULD START WORK THIS MORNING ON ISSUES OF NEED FOR SECOND DEPUTY SG AND SIZE OF COUNCIL WITH TARGET DATE FOR REPORT TO PLENARY BY NOON FRIDAY. NOTWITHSTANDING DELAYING TACTICS OF SOVIET BLOC AND ARGENTINA ON TIMING OF ELECTIONS, IT PROBABLE ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD EARLY ON RATHER THAC LATE IN CONFERENCE.

8. SYG MILI WAS FORMALLY ADVISED ON SEPTEMBER 18
THAT U.S. IS CANDIDATE FOR SEAT ON ADMINISTRATIVE
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